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EPIDEMIC OF BASEBALLITIS HITS ALAMOGORDO AMIDSHIPS

The Southwesterns of El Paso Play
Three Games

The Alamos. Materially Strengthened, Capture
Two of the Games

By GLOOMY GUS

Sunday and Monday Alamogordo was in the throes of a clearly defined case of baseballitis. That is a malady which makes about half the town go out into the enclosure around the rectangular circle and perform curious antics. The players paste the pellet,—sometimes, and tear around the bases while the people in the crowd throw away their Sunday-go-to-meeting lids and try to burst their lungs.

This interesting series of games was played between the Alamos and that bunch of sturdy heroes known as the Southwesterns of El Paso. The first game was played Sunday afternoon commencing at three o'clock. The second and third games were played Monday afternoon, Labor Day, commencing at half past two. Nearly all the stores were closed during the afternoon, but there was not a record-breaking crowd in attendance.

The Alamos won the first game by the score of twelve to seven. The batteries were Lindsey and Granth for the Alamos, Brennen and King for the Southwesterns. C. Hammonds relieved Brennen in the seventh, and Pelphrey went to the rescue of Lindsey in the ninth. The Alamos scored four in the third, three in the fourth, two in the sixth, and three in the eighth. The Southwesterns got one in the first, second, fifth, seventh,

and three in the ninth. In the eighth Hirsch batted a line drive over left field fence. That was the first time one had been put over the fence in a game. The crowd went wild.

The second game was the one which brought the gasps and heart thrills to the crowd. Pelphrey and Mulkey were working for the Alamos, Brennen and King for the Southwesterns. At the close of the ninth, the score stood five to five. Two innings more were played before the tie was broken, the Southwesterns adding one run to their score.

About the same line-up was presented in the third game, except that Hirsch relieved Pelphrey on the mound in the first or second, and C. Hammonds relieved Brennen for one inning, the fatal second, when the Alamos scored six runs. The feature of the game was the heavy hitting of Granth of the Alamos and King of the Southwesterns, both hitting the ball clear of the fence. The game was called, by agreement, after seven innings had been played. The score stood twelve to three in favor of the Alamos.

The Southwesterns are a game lot. They play hard and fast, whether they are winning or losing, and are good natured all the while. They have made a great many friends in Alamogordo on their two trips here.

The ladies of the Christian church will hold an ice cream festival on the court house lawn the afternoon that the county conventions are in session.

Misses Louise and Frances Murphy left Saturday night for Las Vegas, where they will re-enter the New Mexico Normal University.

Miss Maud Bush Davis returned Tuesday night from El Paso. Her mission in El Paso was to select a piano for Mrs. John Prather.

Ely Martin, vice-consul at Nogales, was here last Thursday, returning to his station after a visit with his parents who are now living in Independence, Mo.

M. V. Jeffers of Weed left this morning after having spent several days here on important business.

Leo Anderson, forest ranger from the Carrissa station, arrived Sunday and spent several days on a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Boyer and Gwendolyn returned Monday afternoon from Long Beach, Calif. They may spend the winter here.

Miss Sue H. Saunders returned Wednesday night from Kentucky, where she spent her vacation.

O. D. Warnock of Artesia arrived this morning to attend this session of court.

The cemetery department of the Civic League will conduct another tag day sale some time during the present campaign. The exact date will be made later and further mention will be made from time to time.

Judge Edward R. Wright returned Wednesday morning from Santa Fe, and after organizing the grand jury, left for Albuquerque on important business. He will return not later than Saturday noon.

William Holmes' wife and son, Harry, arrived last Tuesday from Kalkaska, Mich., to make their home here. They have rented the De Mier residence on Ohio avenue.



HON. EDWARD R. WRIGHT

Judge Wright, of this district, is being urged to enter the race for the supreme bench. He is an unusually able jurist and is admirably qualified for the office which his friends hope he will seek.

POLITICS, AND THEN SOME

Big Meetings All Over the New
State

About all that one hears now in New Mexico is politics. Nothing else goes. The air is filled with politics and the woods are filled with politicians. There is no longer any private citizen,—everyone is a politician.

The first big gun in the campaign was the meeting of the republican state central committee, which was convened at Santa Fe on Monday and Tuesday. The apportionment of delegates to the state convention was made and the date of the convention was set for September 28, at Las Vegas. There will be 313 delegates, of which Otero will have seven.

The democratic state central committee was held in Albuquerque Wednesday. The apportionment of delegates was made and the date of the state convention set for October 3, at Santa Fe. There will be 272 delegates, Otero having seven of this number. A committee was appointed to draft a resolution accepting Mr. Larrazolo's resignation from the party.

A meeting of the democratic county central committee was held here on Monday, but THE NEWS has been unable to get a report on the business transacted. The date of the county convention was not decided upon.

The republican county central committee held its meeting here on Tuesday. The apportionment was made and the date set for holding the primaries and the county convention to elect seven delegates to the state convention. The primaries will be held on Sept. 21, at 2:00 p. m., the convention on Sept. 25, at 10:00 a. m. The time for holding the county convention to nominate candidates will not be decided upon until after the state convention is held.

The apportionment of dele-

SOCIALISTS GET TOGETHER

Consider Plans to Launch News-
paper

The socialist party held a meeting in Alamogordo Tuesday night, to discuss plans for the campaign. Some thirty-odd were in attendance and the meeting was marked throughout by enthusiasm. It was the decision of the meeting to put a full ticket into the field, and then to give the undivided support of the party to that ticket. The referendum has been started, to nominate the several candidates for the offices.

This was one of the best attended and most important meetings that the socialist party has ever held in Otero county. One of the most important matters under discussion was the advisability of launching a socialist paper in Alamogordo. The plan seemed to meet with the favor of a majority in attendance, so a committee was appointed to ascertain the cost of establishing and maintaining a newspaper plant. If the paper is launched, it will be within the next thirty days. It is thought that a party publication will greatly benefit the party's chances of success in the campaign. All those in attendance at the meeting pledged their support to the publication, in the event that a paper is put into the field.

The county commissioners were busy getting everything in readiness for the forthcoming election. Among other things, they had to appoint boards of registration and judges and clerks of election for the several precincts.

gates for the fifteen precincts was as follows: Alamogordo 14, La Luz 3, Tularosa 9, Three Rivers 3, Mesalero 3, High Rolls 1, Weed 2, Mayhill 1, Orogrande 3, Cloudcroft 2, Avis 1, Camp 1, Orange 1, Daugherty 1, Pinion 1.

BLACK-FACE MINSTRELS PUT ON BEST SHOW ALAMO HAS HAD

Home Talent Packs Majestic Theatre;
"S. R. O." Sign Out

Jokes, Monologues, Solos, Duets and Choruses
Delight Audience

By ELY MARTIN

Bright as Alamo sunshine, light as Alamo air, enjoyable as Alamo scenery—such was the amateur minstrel show given Thursday night at the Majestic theatre for the benefit of the Rebekah lodge. No company of professional minstrels, not even Dockstader's or Primrose's, could have pleased the audience more than the amateurs did. After the show one enthusiastic listener was heard to exclaim: "Say, wouldn't it be a joke if in after years Alamogordo, now famous the world over for its wonderful climate, should be known to fame chiefly because it was once the home of a great blackface artist? It seems to me that some of our young men who intend to study law or enter business life have missed their calling," and in this he seemed to express the sentiments of many others.

From the time the curtain rose until the last inspiring strains of "Dixie" floated out on the night air, there wasn't a dull moment nor a single delay. The rapidity with which one number followed another would have been a credit to professionals, indeed the only thing which betokened a company of amateurs was the fact that the audience could look beneath the burnt cork and see the features of some well known young person about town, and this served only to increase the enjoyment.

Guthrie Smith, as interlocutor, disproved the assertion that a good writer can't be a clever speaker. He put the audience in a good humor with a witty opening speech in which he admitted that he was much more scared than they and would gladly change places with any one who desired to occupy the throne, and then for two hours there followed a riot of fun and fancy. There were solos, duets,

choruses, jokes, stump speeches and all the other humorous stunts which make a minstrel show the most popular form of comedy. The songs ranged from the latest Broadway successes to the old-time Southern melodies which form the basis of all minstrel shows, and many of them made such a hit that the performers were encored repeatedly. The jokes were bright and new and although most of them were at the expense of some one in the audience no victim took offense, probably remembering the fearful penalty promised by the interlocutor to any listener who wore his feelings on his sleeves.

Will Pelphrey and a few kindred spirits on the ends performed such amusing stunts that the show often resembled a three ringed circus and made it impossible for one to see everything. The end men were ably backed by a clever bunch of linemen and they were re-enforced by a grand ensemble of black-face artists of both sexes, many of whom were gowned in costumes fearfully and wonderfully made.

A few of the numbers were exceptionally well rendered, but all were so good that to single out any particular ones for special praise would be unfair to the others. Much of the credit for the success of the show goes to Musical Director J. V. Schurtz and Miss Maud Bush Davis who, beside taking prominent parts themselves, spent much time bringing the remainder of the company to its high state of efficiency.

To one who had been away from Alamogordo for a long time and who was fortunate enough to return just in time for the big show, the performance proved that the most beautiful town in New Mexico still shelters some of the brightest and best people on earth.

Union Revival Announced

The pastors of the protestant churches of Alamogordo have arranged to hold a great co-operative or union meeting in which all the churches and all Christians are cordially invited and earnestly requested to take an active part. They have secured the noted evangelist, Rev. Abe Mulkey to conduct these revival services, beginning Sunday night Oct. 1. Everybody invited.

Time of Church Services Is Changed

Beginning Sunday, Sept. 10, all evening church services will be at 7:30, and weekly prayer services at same hour.

All interested please notice.

If you are interested in good government, it will be worth while for you to read the editorial in this issue, entitled "Have they the right?"

Dr. J. R. Howell was a visitor here Monday.

Change in Telephone Matters

G. T. McQuillen has succeeded C. R. Kaul as manager of the local telephone exchange. Mr. McQuillen was formerly manager of the Las Cruces office. E. L. Holden, traveling auditor, has been here for some days checking the accounts and making the transfer. Mr. Kaul will remain in the employ of the company, but it is not yet known where his new station will be.

"Leontine and Company," the splendid serial which has been running in the Saturday Evening Post, is finished in this week's number. The story is complete in five installments. It is regarded by many competent critics as one of the best stories that the Post has ever published. Max Ogden can supply you with all the numbers containing installments of the story.

E. E. Akers and family left this morning for Orange. Mr. Akers was here looking after some court matters.